

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.    A fuel cell arrangement comprising several individual components  
2           arranged in a stack, the individual components comprising at least two  
3           stacked plates which are at least partially joined to one another by a  
4           common seal element of polymer material which is injected onto the plates  
5           to form a module.

1           2.    The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the stack  
2           of plates has oppositely facing main surfaces, and wherein the seal element  
3           is provided on the main surfaces of the stack.

1           3.    The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the at  
2           least two plates are positioned immediately adjacent one another with an  
3           intermediate space provided between the adjacent plates, the seal element  
4           sealing the intermediate space.

1           4.    The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the at  
2           least two plates have end faces, the seal element encompassing at least  
3           portions of the end faces of the at least two plates.

1           5.    The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein each of  
2   the at least two plates is provided with an opening, the seal element  
3   extending through the opening in each of the at least two plates.

1           6.    A module for a fuel cell arrangement comprising a plurality of  
2   stacked plates forming a stack, at least two of the plates having a common  
3   seal element of polymer material which is injected onto the plates and by  
4   which the at least two plates are at least partially joined to one another.

1           7.    The module according to Claim 6, wherein the seal element  
2   adhesively joins the at least two plates to one another.

1           8.    The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two plates  
2   are joined to one another in an interlocking manner via the seal element.

1           9.    The module according to Claim 6, wherein the stack of plates has  
2   oppositely facing main surfaces, and wherein the seal element is provided  
3   on the main surfaces of the stack.

1           10. The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two plates  
2           are positioned immediately adjacent one another with an intermediate space  
3           provided between the adjacent plates, the seal element sealing the  
4           intermediate space.

1           11. The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two plates  
2           have end faces, the seal element at least in areas encompassing the end  
3           faces of the at least two plates.

1           12. The module according to Claim 6, wherein the seal element  
2           extends through at least one opening provided in each of the at least two  
3           plates.

1           13. The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two plates  
2           are positioned immediately adjacent one another, with each of the adjacent  
3           plates possessing a plurality of elongated openings, each of the openings in  
4           one of the plates overlapping one of the openings in the other plate.

1           14. The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two plates  
2           are positioned immediately adjacent one another, the seal element  
3           extending in at least one cavity provided between the adjacent plates.

1           15. The module according to Claim 14, further comprising a hole  
2       provided in at least one of the adjacent plates, the hole communicating with  
3       the cavity.

1           16. The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal  
2       element located on a side of one of the plates has a cross-sectional  
3       configuration possessing a flat surface.

1           17. The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal  
2       element located on a side of one of the plates has a cross-sectional  
3       configuration possessing a tapering surface.

1           18. The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal  
2       element located on a side of one of the plates has a cross-sectional  
3       configuration possessing both a flat surface and a tapering surface.

1           19. The module according to Claim 18, wherein the flat surface is  
2       separated from the tapering surface by a recess which is recessed relative  
3       to the flat surface.

- 1           20. A process for producing a module for a fuel cell arrangement,
- 2    comprising:
- 3           inserting at least portions of two plates into a casting mold; and
- 4           filling the casting mold with a polymer seal material so that the seal
- 5    material adjoins the two plates.